GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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EXTENSION OF TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION FUND SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has set export target of $ 50 billion for textile sector;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether there is a need to extend the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme beyond March, 2007 to achieve the aforesaid export target by 2010;

(d) If so, whether the Government proposes to extend the period of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme beyond March, 2007;

(e) If so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) The names of the States which have so far been benefited from the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): The National Textile Policy, 2000 envisages a target of textile and apparel exports for US $ 50 billion by 2010 of which the share of garments will be US $ 25 billion.

(c) to (e): The technology upgradation is one of the several factors which will help in meeting the export target. To increase the capacity and competitiveness of Indian textile sector, Government has already introduced schemes like Technology Mission on Cotton, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks etc. apart from the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme. In addition, various policy initiatives have been taken like reduction of excise duty on man-made fibre, exemption from excise duty to entire textile sector (except for man-made fibre sector) reduction of import duty on raw material, allowing 100% Foreign Direct Investment in textile sector, de-reservation of certain items from the Small Scale Industry (SSI) sector etc. No decision has been taken for extension or otherwise beyond March ,2007 in respect of TUFS.

(f): The names of the States/Union Territories which have so far been benefited from TUFS are : Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.